

REMARKS

The Examiner objected to claims 16 and 31, stating "'15 nanoseconds' should be -12 nanoseconds- as shown in table 1 of the specification." In response Applicants have so amended claims 16 and 31.

The Examiner objected to claim 27, stating "the article 'A' after 'The' should be removed." Applicants believe the Examiner's objection of claim 27 is moot in light of Applicants amendment of claim 27.

The Examiner has stated that claims 12-26 are allowed and claims 27-31 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In response, Applicants have amended claim 27 to include all the limitations of claim 11, from which claim 27 depended and have canceled rejected claim 11. Claims 28-31 all depend from claim 27.

The Examiner rejected claim 11 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,434,082 to Hovis et al. Applicants believe the Examiner's rejection of claim 11 is now moot in light of Applicants cancellation of claim 11.

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CONCLUSION

Based on the preceding arguments, Applicants respectfully believe that all pending claims and the entire application now meet the acceptance criteria for allowance and therefore request favorable action. If Examiner believes that anything further would be helpful to place the application in better condition for allowance, Applicants invite the Examiner to contact the Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below. The Director is hereby authorized to charge and/or credit Deposit Account 09-0456.

Respectfully submitted,
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